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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
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TAGS: PFOR, OAU, XA, XF, AG  
SUBJECT: ALGERIANS AND SAHARA SUMMIT

1. ALGERIAN COVERAGE OF NIAMEY SAHARA SUMMIT LONG ON RHETORIC  
AND SHORT ON SUBSTANCE.

2. ALGERIANS EVIDENTLY ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO  
MEETING; BOUMEDIENE TEAMED UP WITH BOUTEFLIKA AGAIN AND  
THEY WERE ALSO ACCCOMPANIED BY KEY COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION  
FIGURE SURETE DIRECTOR AHMED DRAIA. IT WAS KNOWN IN  
ALGIERS BEFORE BOUMEDIENE'S DEPARTURE THAT QADHAFI WOULD  
NOT BE GOING; ALGERIA'S FIRST TEAM SHOWED UP ANYWAY.

3. "SOLIDARITY", "FRATERNITY" AND "COOPERATION" WERE  
DOMINANT THEMES OF ALGERIAN PRESENTATION OF SUMMIT. MAIN  
POINT OF EXTENSIVE TV COVERAGE SEEMED TO BE THAT BOUMEDIENE  
HAD BEEN LOUDLY ACCLAIMED BY "HUGE CROWDS" LINING THOROUGHFARES  
UPON ARRIVAL IN NIAMEY. PRESS DEVOTED ALMOST AS MUCH SPACE  
TO BOUMEDIENE'S STOPOVER IN TAMANRASSET AS IT DID TO HIS  
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NIAMEY APPEARANCE.

4. TO EXTENT LOCAL OBSERVERS ARE SPECULATING ABOUT  
SUMMIT, MAIN LOCAL THEORY IS THAT IT REPRESENTED  
ALGERIAN STEP AWAY FROM LIBYA. ACCORDING TO THIS  
THESIS, LIBYA'S LUKEWARM SUPPORT FOR ALGERIA'S  
SAHARA CAUSE SET STAGE, BUT KEY TO CURRENT ESTRANGEMENT

IS QADHAFI'S STEPPED-UP SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS IN NIGER, CHAD AND MALI. ALGERIANS REGARD THEMSELVES AS PROTECTORS OF NIGER AND MALI AND RESENT LIBYAN INFRINGEMENT. THUS ALGERIA WAS PREPARED TO ATTEND NIAMEY SESSION WITH FULL DELEGATION IN ORDER TO LAUNCH COUNTER TO QADHAFI EFFORTS.

5. WHATEVER LAY BEHIND BOUMEDIENE ATTENDANCE, SAFE TO PRESUME HE DID NOT SKIP OPPORTUNITY TO PLEAD ALGERIA'S SAHARA CASE. IF TRAORE, KOUNTCHE AND MALLOUM WERE INDEED SEEKING BACKING AGAINST QADHAFI, THEY MAY HAVE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, AND SUCH ATTENTION SUFFICIENT RATIONALE FOR ALGERIANS TO GO MOST ANYWHERE.LYNE

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